

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Approval for Proclamation
Designating March 2004 as
Music in Our Schools Month

ITEM NO: 8E

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MEETING: February 24, 2004
ACTION DATE: February 24, 2004

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the attached proclamation designating March 2004 as Music in Our Schools Month.

KEY POINTS: Music in Our Schools Month Activities

- March 11-12 – All-District Middle-High Band Festival – Stafford High School Auditorium
- March 20-21 – Countywide Fine Arts Festival, Brooke Point High School – musical performances scheduled throughout the Festival featuring various Stafford County music programs.
- March 20 – Elementary Festival Chorus. Brooke Point High School at 11:30 a.m.
- Ferry Farm Music Invitationals – throughout March parents are invited to attend/participate in child's music class. Dates and times vary according to class and grade level.
- Ferry Farm Super Singers and 5th grade Instrumental Ensemble will be featured on B101.5 as part of Dr. Seuss' 100th Birthday Celebration on March 20.
- Rockhill Elementary – student performers (vocal, piano, recorder, miscellaneous musical instruments) on morning news show at 9 00 a.m.
- Rockhill Elementary - 4th grade students performing "Discover Virginia," a musical, composed by music teacher. Anna Ames Three classes will perform on March 16 and three other classes on March 18
- H.H. Poole broadcasting variety of music over PA system during homeroom each week.
- H.H. Poole – Pre-band festival concert in gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. on March 8

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

- GOAL 1:** Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for *all* students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.
- GOAL 3:** Encourage parents and the community to increase their interest and involvement in schools.

FUNDING SOURCE:

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:

Proclamation

A proclamation to designate March 2004 as Music in Our Schools Month

WHEREAS, MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH has been observed nationally and has gained wide acceptance; and

WHEREAS, children are our most precious asset; and

WHEREAS, childhood is the time to develop interests, skills, and aptitudes that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the importance of music in education is recognized as being necessary for the full development of all children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County School Board on this 24th day of February, 2004, that March 2004 be proclaimed MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH in Stafford County Public Schools. We further urge all citizens to become interested and give full support to quality school MUSIC programs for children and youth.

Chairman

Clerk